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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

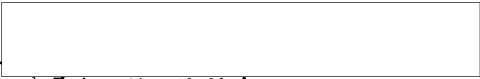
SUBJECT: DCI Intel Role in Wartime

1. I met with General Stilwell this morning to discuss the transfer of intel assets from DCI to SecDef during wartime.

2. We agreed to the following: When DEFCON I is declared, tasking of the national intelligence systems will switch from DCI to SecDef. Recognizing that the DCI has continued responsibility during an all out war as principal intelligence adviser to the President, the SecDef will consider the DCI intel requirements in his tasking under DEFCON I conditions, as the DCI considers SecDef requirements under all other circumstances, including peacetime. While operational control for the assets remains with the DCI, the tasking of these assets will revert from DCI to SecDef.

3. In the upcoming exercise NIGHTTRAIN we will exercise this capability by having the tasking mechanism, i.e., COMIREX and SIGINT, revert to SecDef tasking for a specified time during the exercise..

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